

Listing of the Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) ~~A~~ An improved guide rail for use on a conveyor system having a conveyor frame formed by parallel sidebars and a conveying element therebetween, each parallel side bar is U-shaped and formed by upper and lower outwardly extending horizontal flanges and a vertical web therebetween, the ~~guide-rail improvement~~ comprising:

an elongate member having a length for placement adjacent one of the parallel side bars; and

a plurality of clips secured to ~~an~~ a bottom edge of the elongate member, said clips having a configuration for securing the elongate member to the one of the U-shaped sidebars ~~for~~ by selectively clipping said ~~brackets~~ clips around at least a portion of the vertical web and upper outwardly extending horizontal flange.

2. (Currently Amended) The ~~guide-rail improvement~~ of claim 1, wherein said elongate member is orientated and secured to the plurality of clips so that the elongate ~~members~~ member is positioned above the one of the parallel side bars when the clips are selectively clipped onto at least a portion of the vertical web and upper outwardly extending horizontal flange.

3. (Currently Amended) The ~~guide-rail improvement~~ of claim 1, wherein each clip is welded to a lower edge of the elongate member for positioning the elongate member directly above each clip.

4. (Currently Amended) The ~~guide-rail improvement~~ of claim 1, wherein the plurality of clips are evenly spaced along the length of the elongate member.

5. (Currently Amended) The ~~guide rail~~ improvement of claim 1, wherein each clip has a U-shaped configuration corresponding to a portion of the U-shaped sidebar and with a middle section welded to the elongate member.

6. (Currently Amended) The ~~guide rail~~ improvement of claim 5, wherein the U-shaped configuration of each clip has an inner flange and an outer flange extending from the middle section, wherein the outer flange is longer than the inner flange and has a bent end portion for directing between the upper and lower outwardly extending horizontal flanges to provide balance when the clips are secured to the sidebar.

7. (Currently Amended) The ~~guide rail~~ improvement of claim 1, wherein the elongate member has angled ends for guiding articles on the conveying elements.

8. (Currently Amended) The ~~guide rail~~ improvement of claim 6, wherein the clips are all welded to the elongate member in the same orientation.

9. (Currently Amended) The ~~guide rail~~ improvement of claim 3, wherein the clip is U-shaped and configured to snap over the upper horizontal flange of the sidebar.

10. (New) An improved guide rail for use on a conveyor system having a conveyor frame formed by parallel sidebars and a conveying element therebetween, each parallel sidebar having a U-shaped configuration formed by upper and lower outwardly extending horizontal flanges and a vertical web therebetween, the improvement comprising:

an elongate member having a length for placement adjacent one of the parallel sidebars; and

a plurality of clips secured to a bottom edge of the elongate member, wherein each clip has a U-shaped upper portion for corresponding to a portion of the U-shaped sidebar hooking over the upper outwardly extending horizontal flange of the sidebar.

11. (New) The improvement of claim 10, wherein the plurality of clips have an elasticity for allowing the clip to selectively snap on and off the sidebar.

12. (New) The improvement of claim 10, wherein at least a portion of the U-shaped upper portion extends over and grips a portion of the vertical web of the sidebar.

13. (New) The improvement of claim 10, wherein the upper U-shaped portion of the clip has a first flange longer than the opposing second leg, said second opposing flange extending over a portion of the vertical web of the sidebar and the first flange having an angled portion for providing stability.

14. (New) The improvement of claim 13, wherein the angled portion of the first flange is overstated to be directed toward the vertical web of the sidebar when the guide rail is attached to the conveyor frame.

Amendments to the Drawings:

Attachment: Replacement Sheets 1-3 are enclosed including the following amendment to the figures:

Fig. 2b - remove redundant reference member 20 and leader line.

Fig. 4 - add reference numbers 38 and 32 with leader lines directed to a hole and clip respectively.

Fig. 5 - replace existing reference number 34 with 38 directed to the holes and add reference number 34 and leader lines directed to the bent portions.

No new matter was added.